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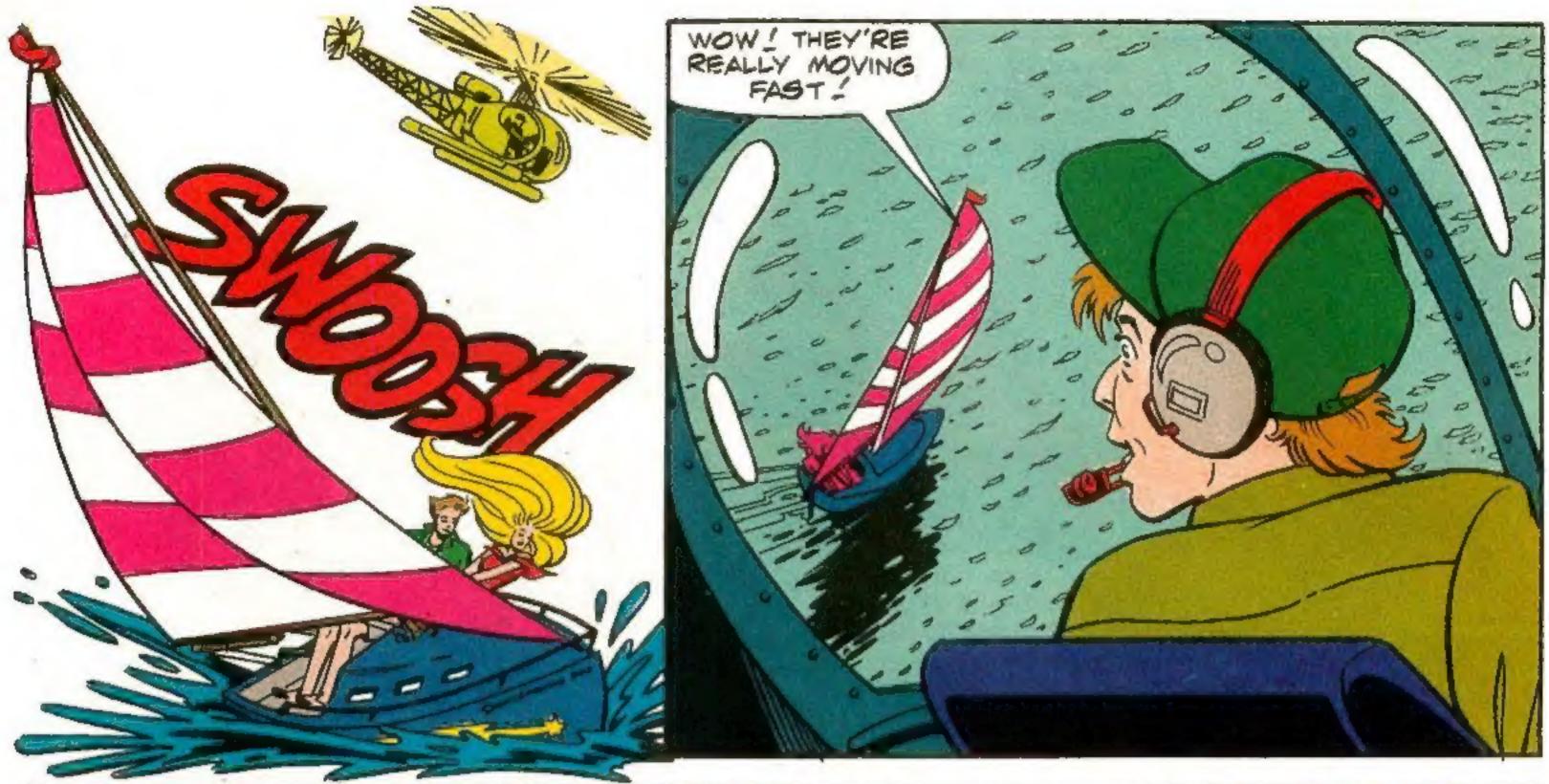


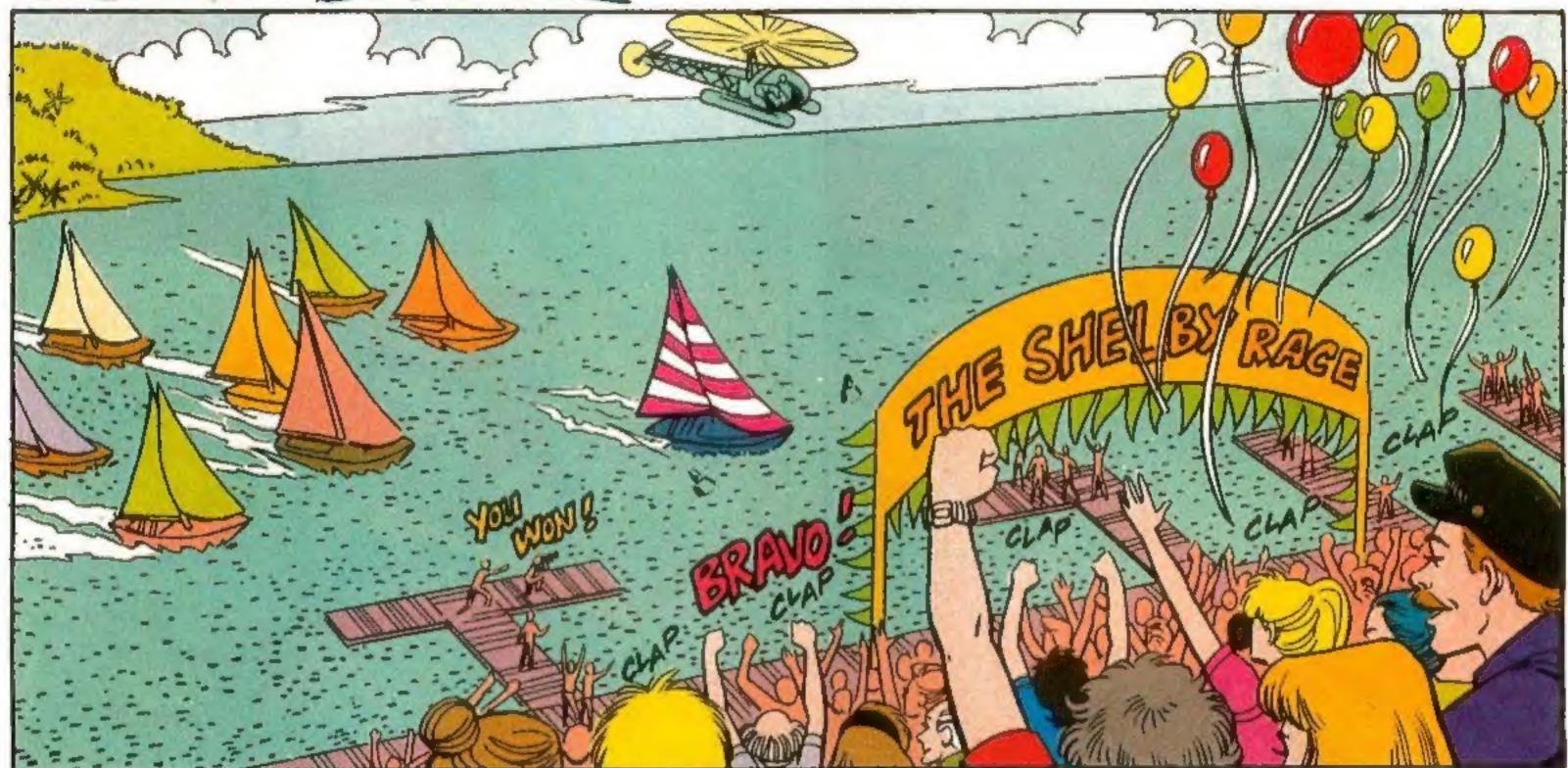








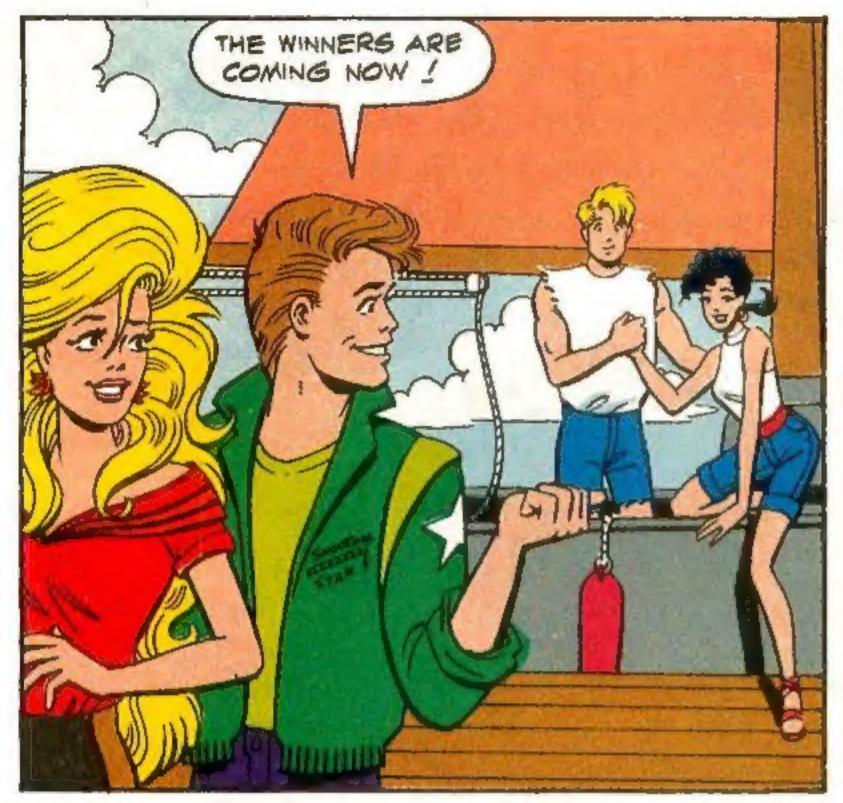




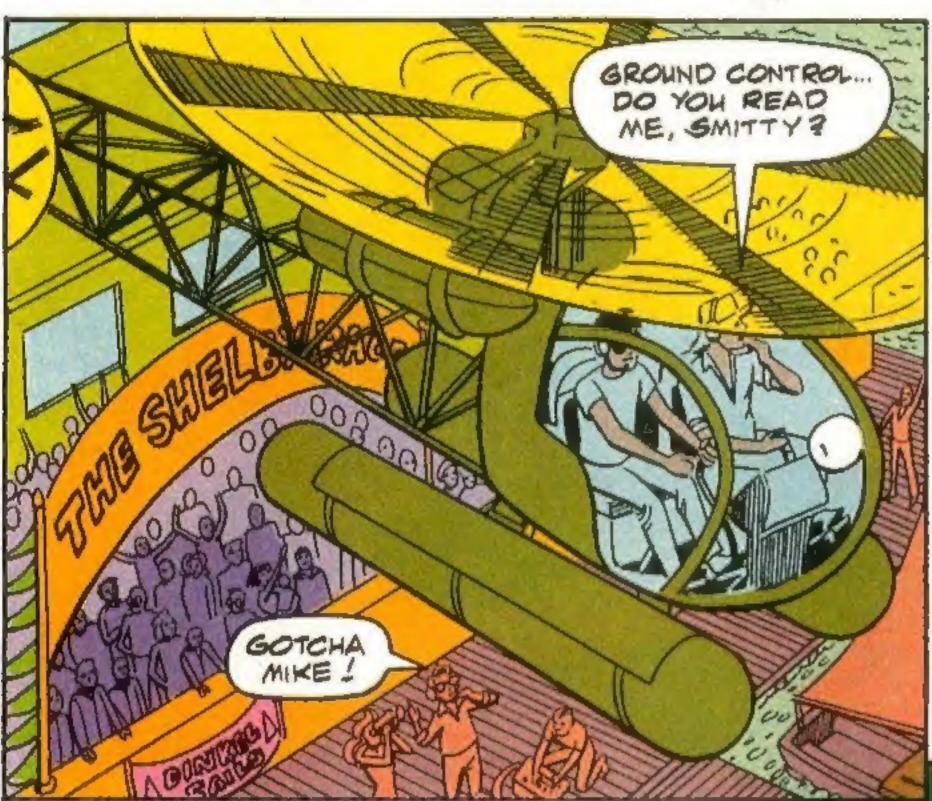






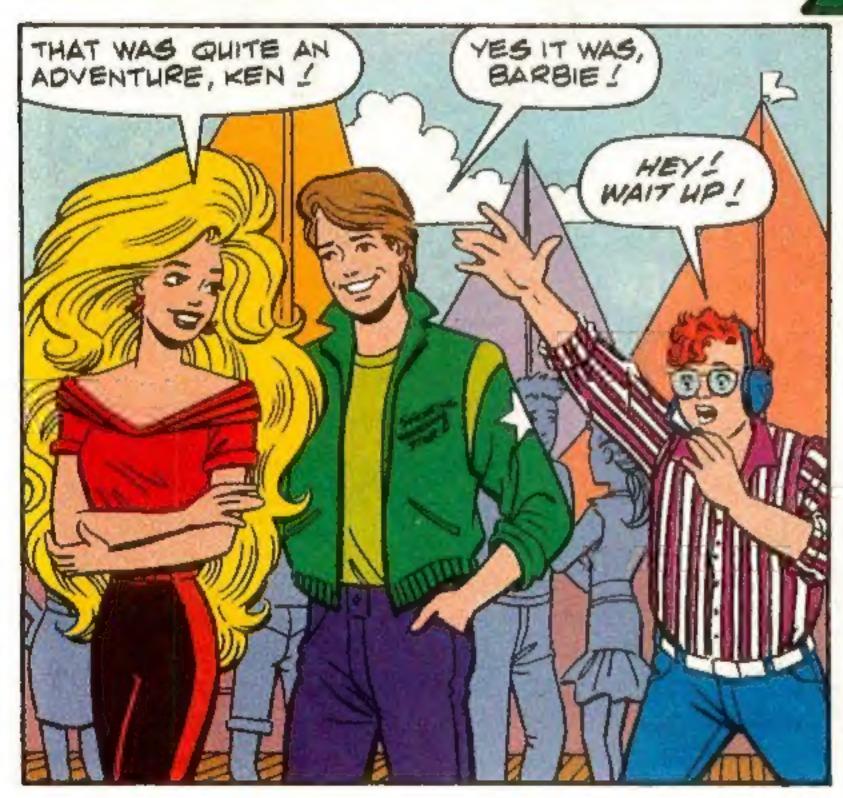






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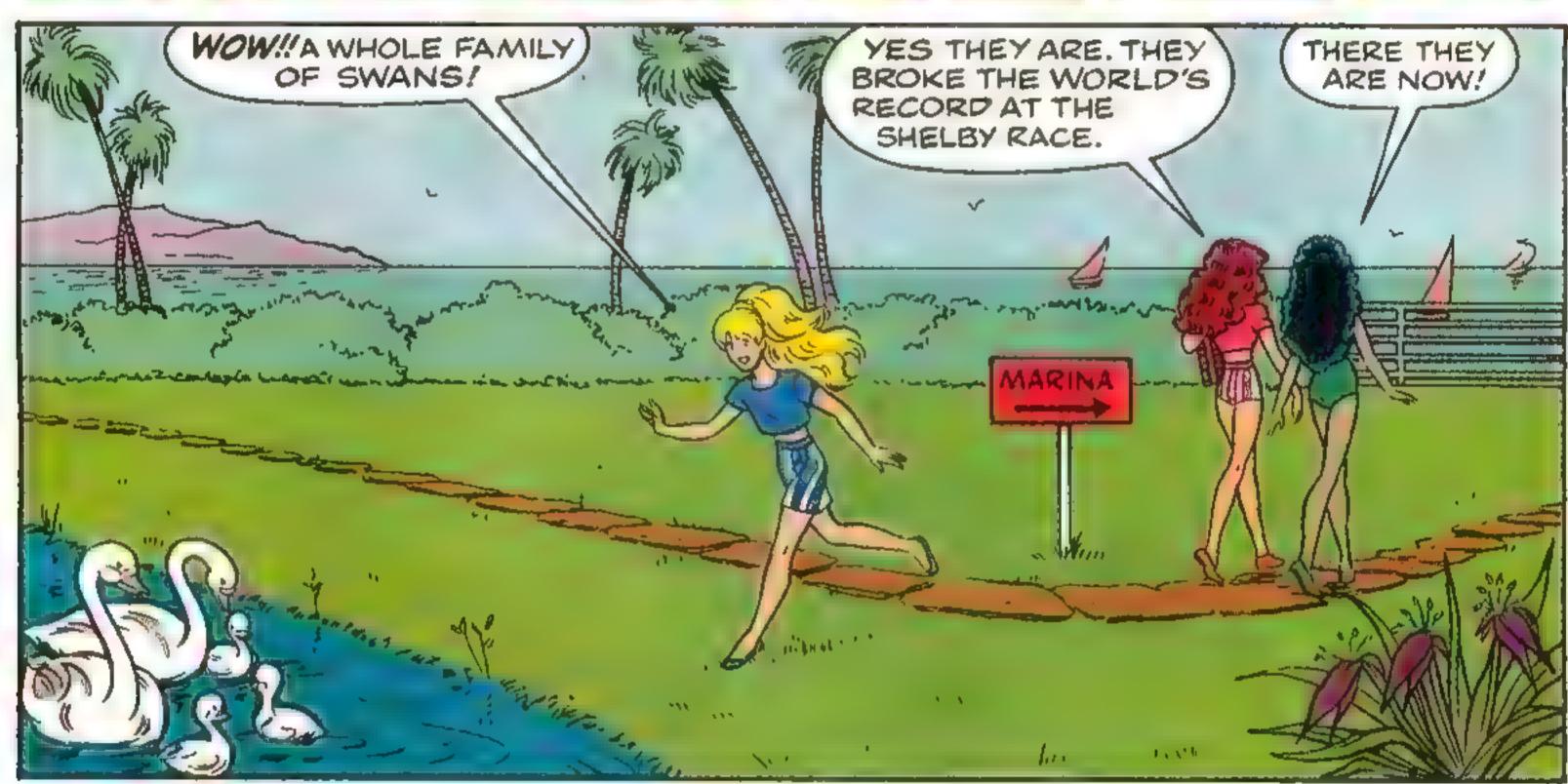
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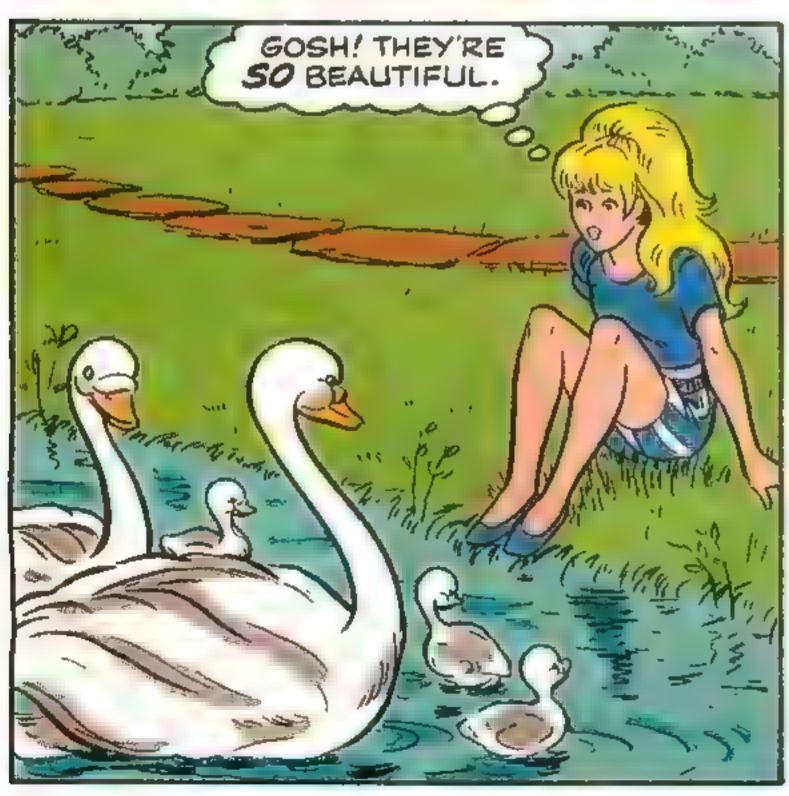
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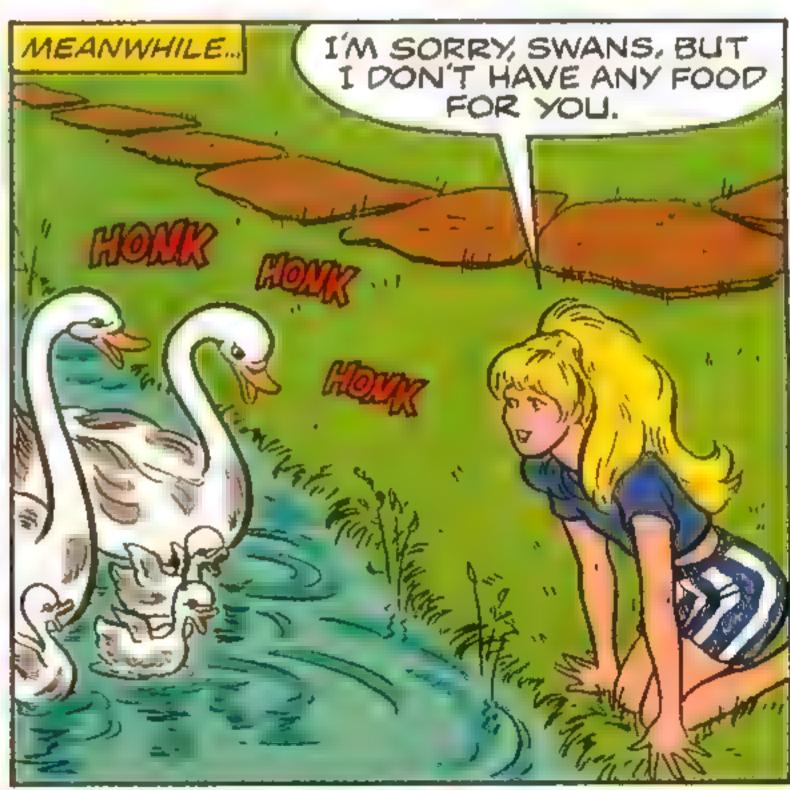


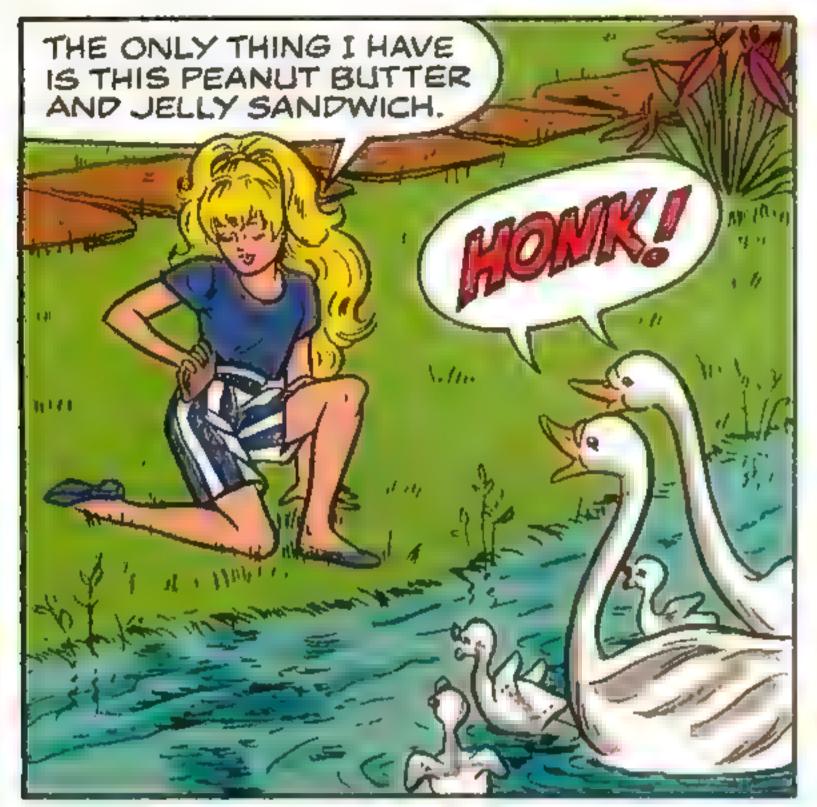


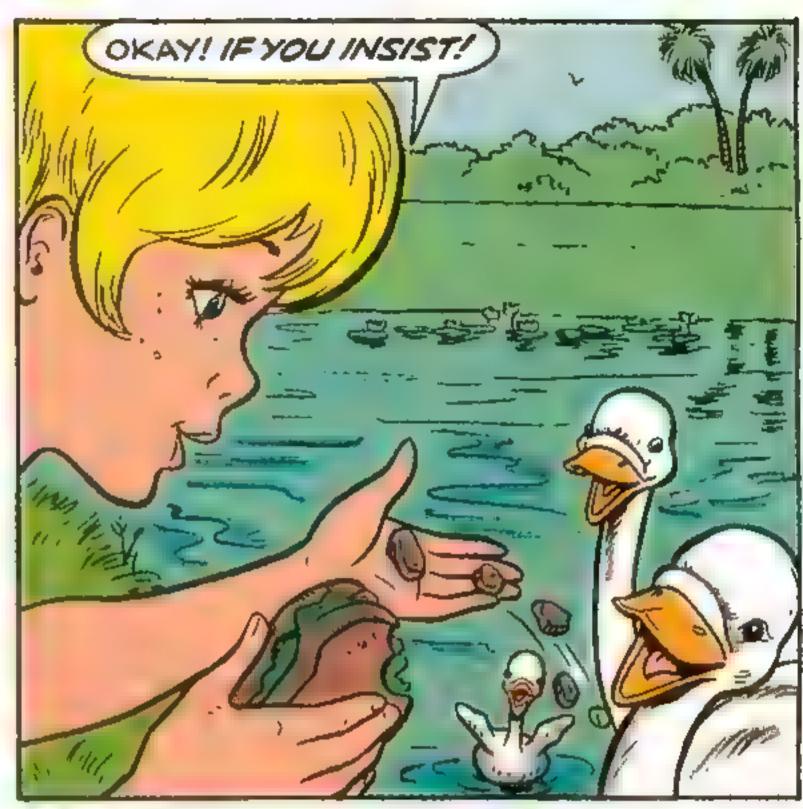




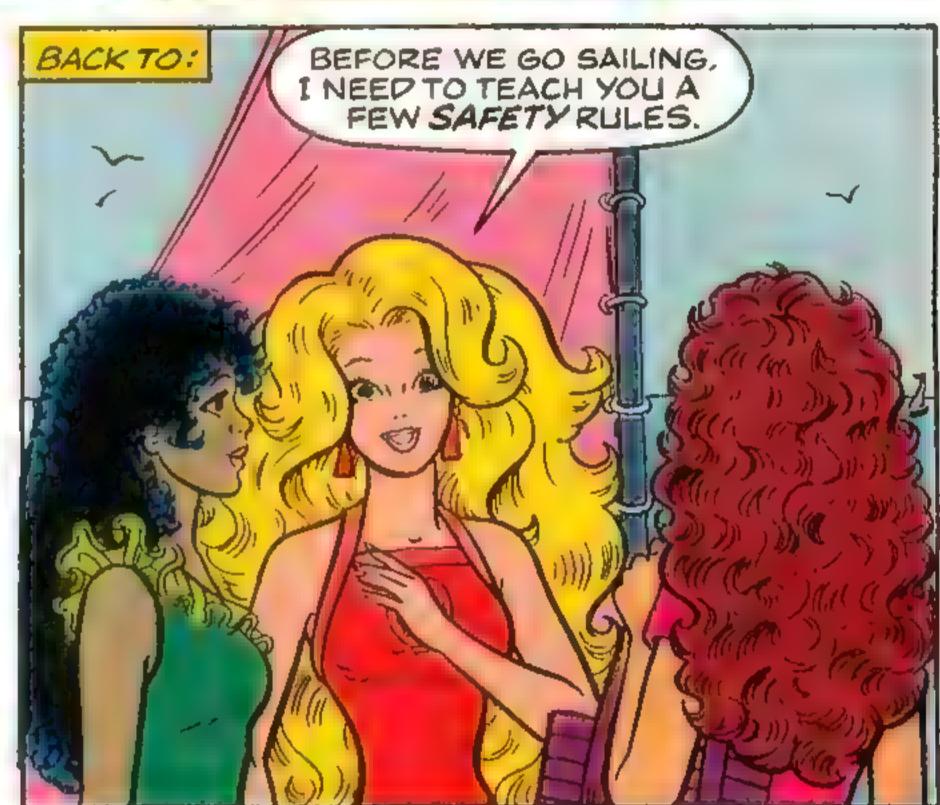


















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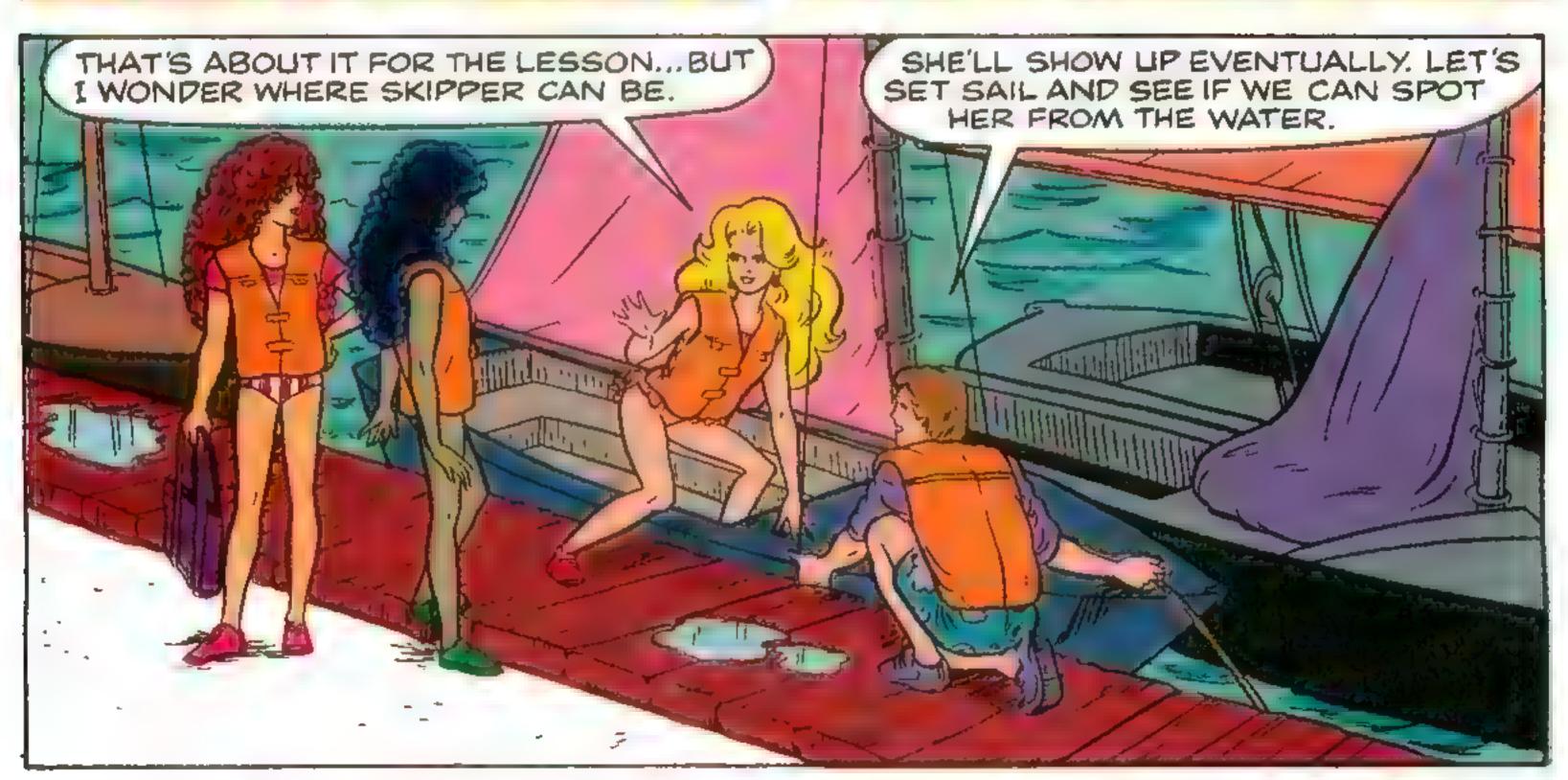
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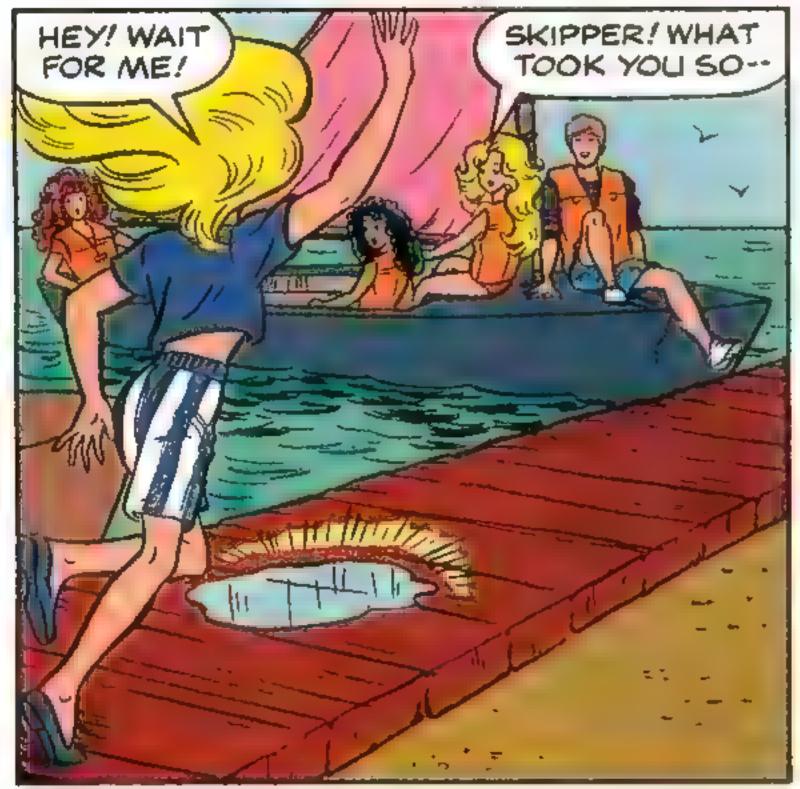








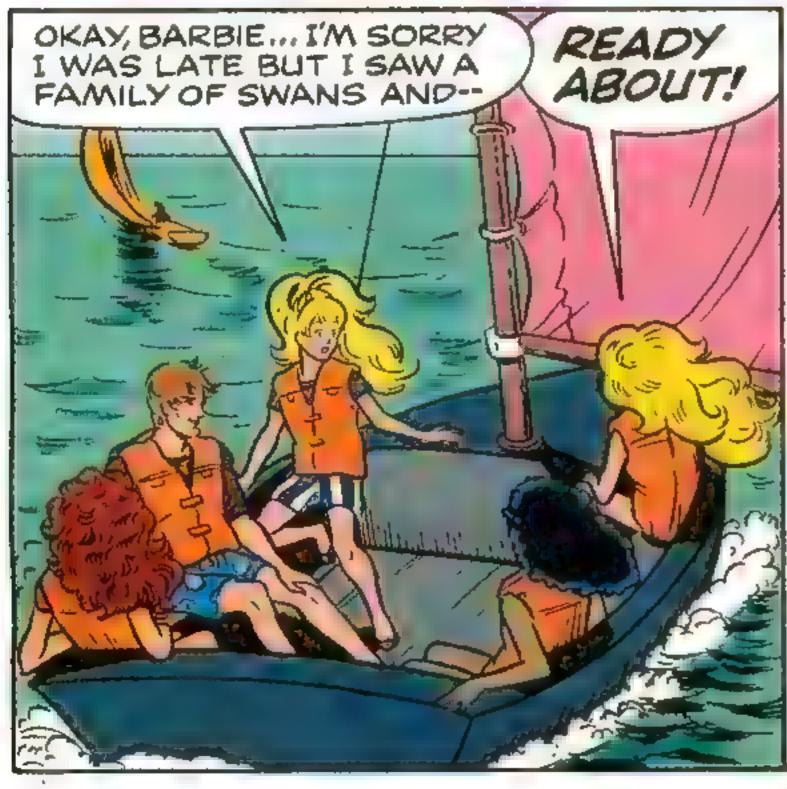




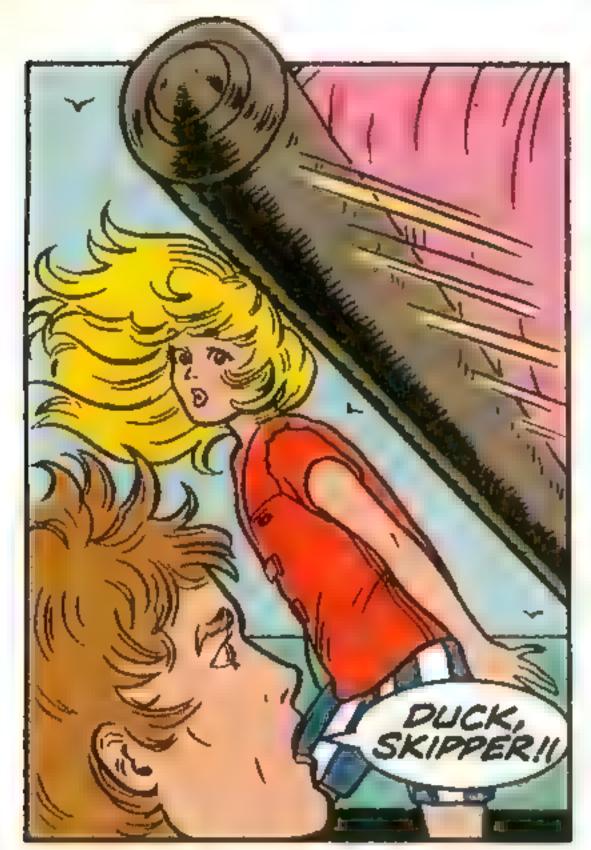


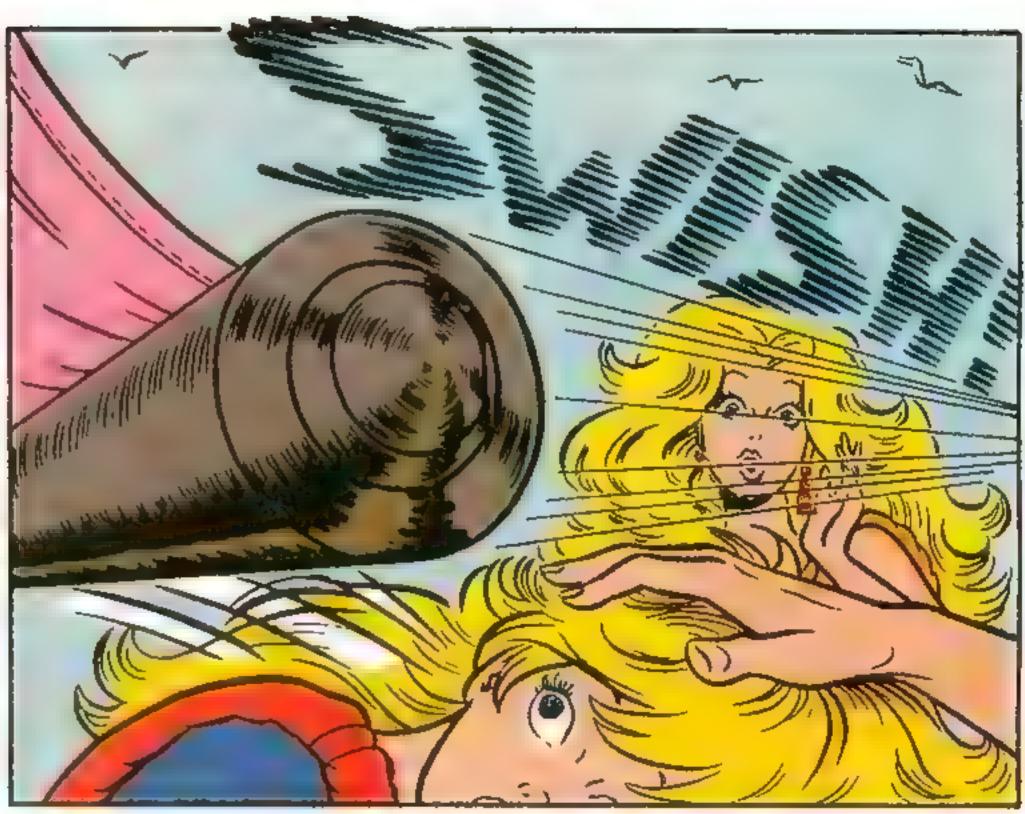


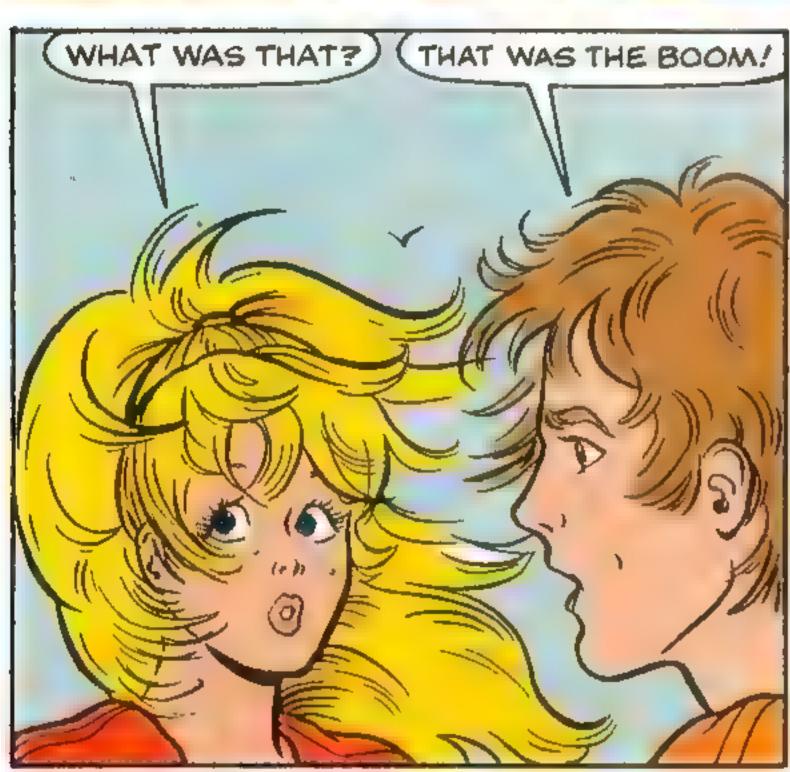














































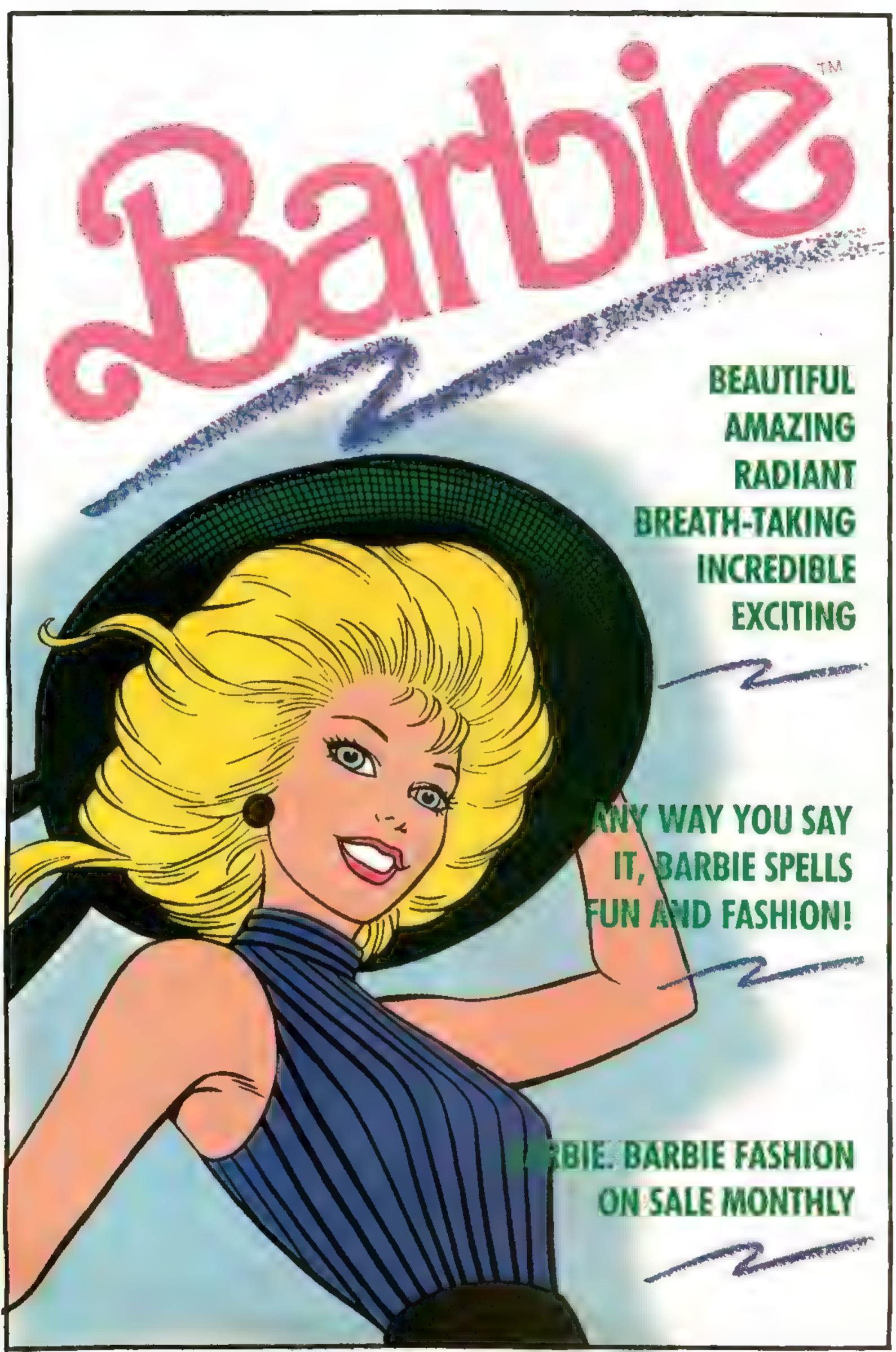




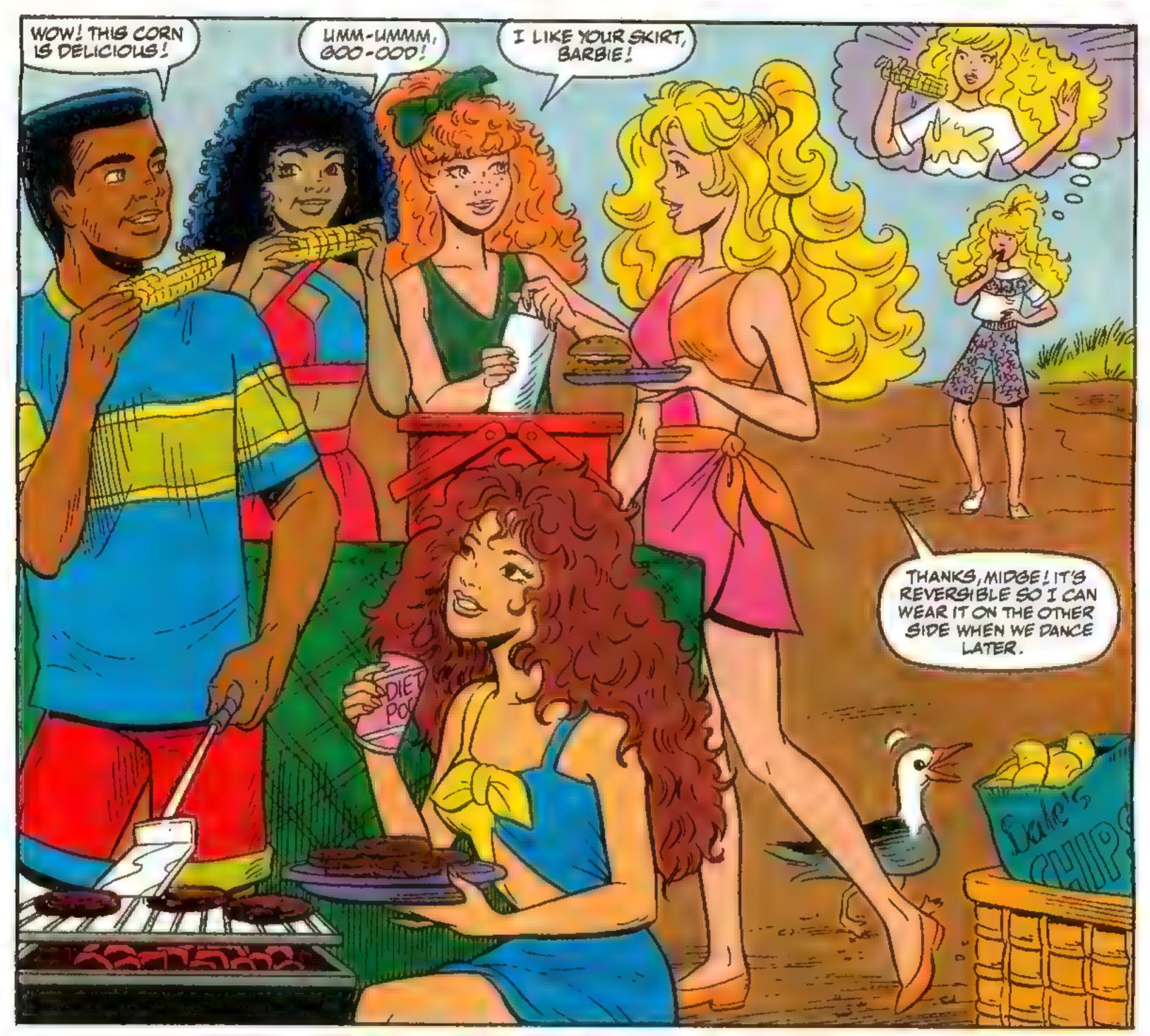








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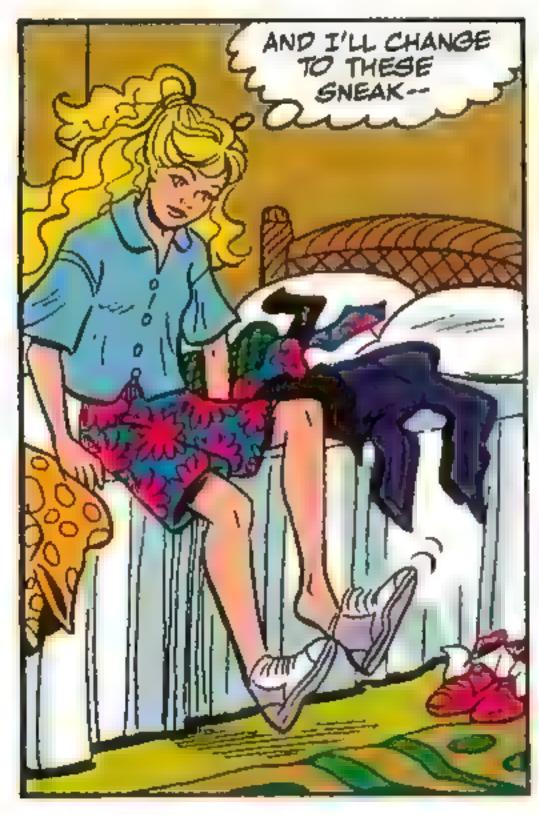


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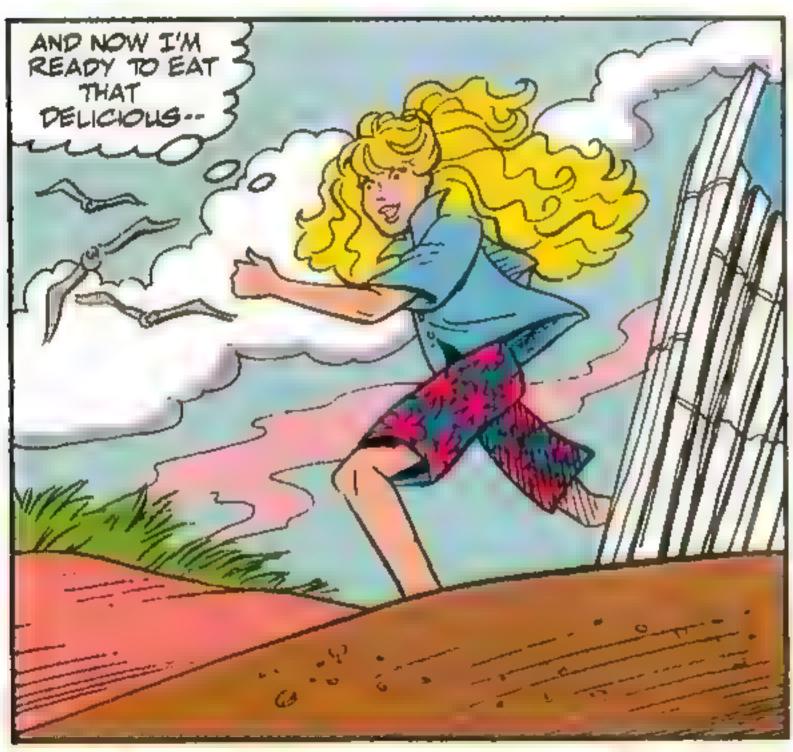
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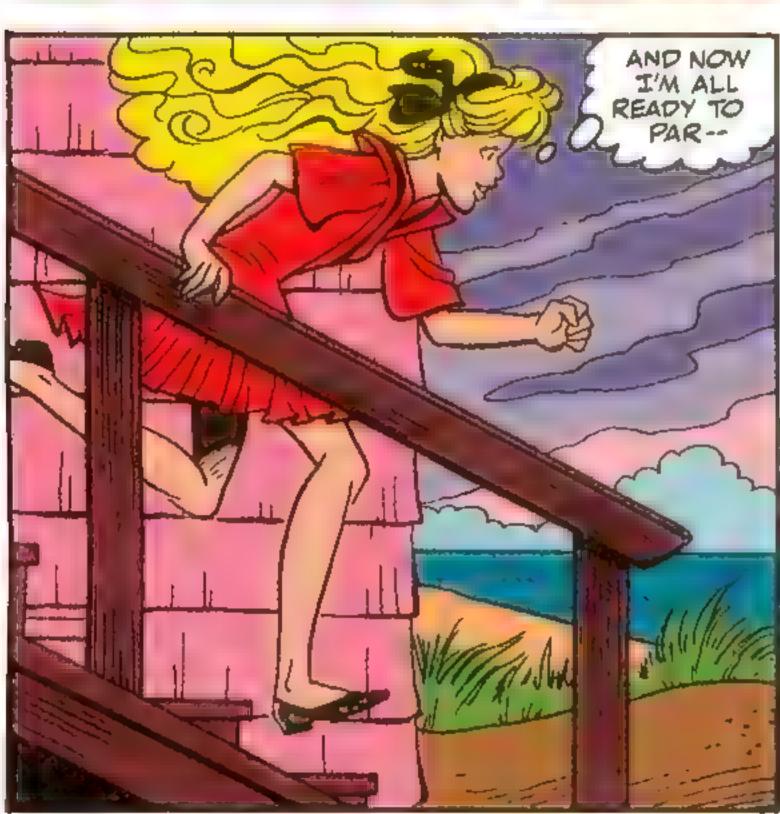




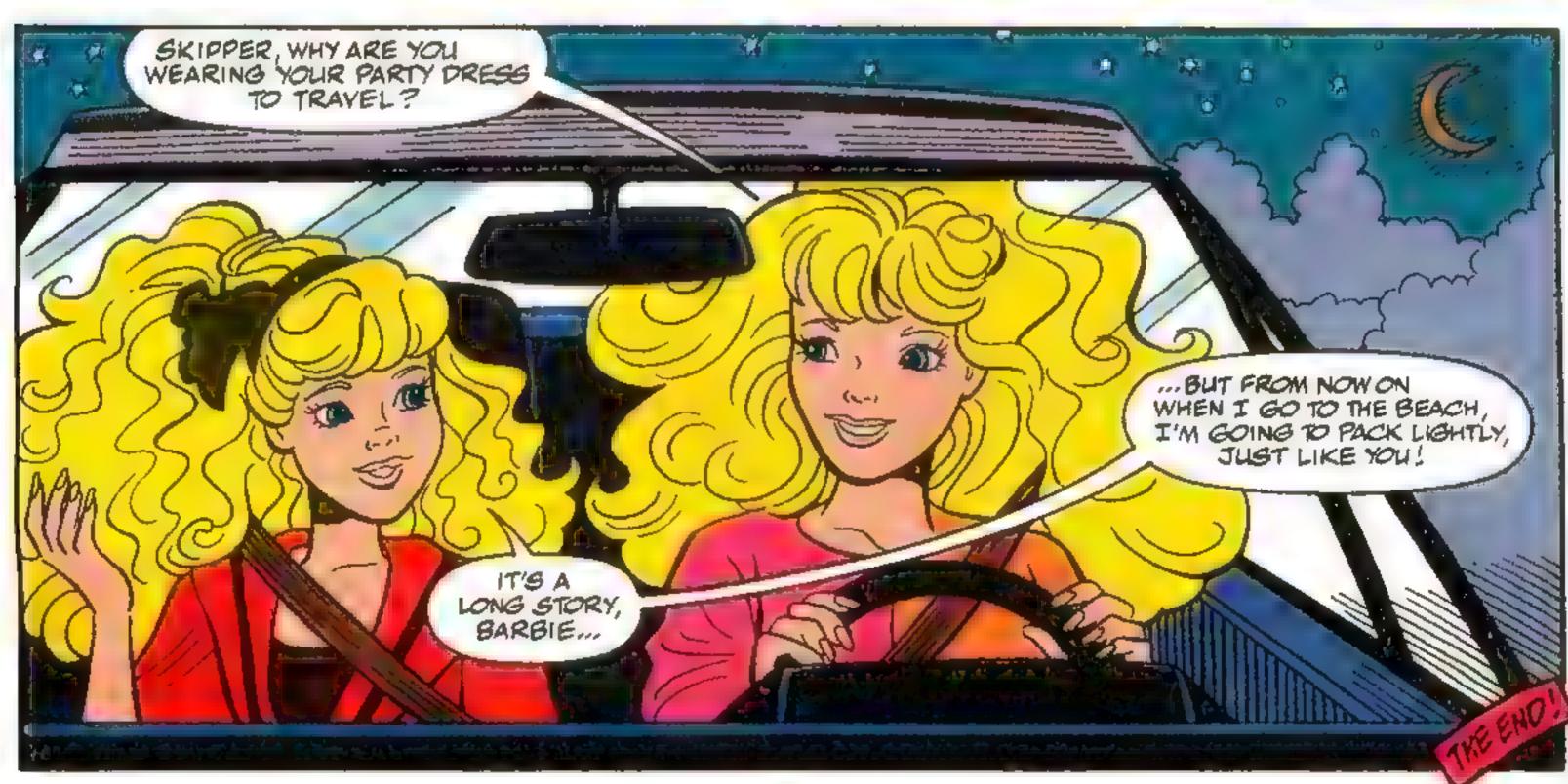














## BULLPEN BULLETINS



#### STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Since the of Soapbox is the most widelyread column in all of comicdom, this is the perfect place to make two very special announcements.

Archie Comics has bought both Marvel and DC! That means from now on Wolverine and The Punisher will be dating Betty and Veronica in their spare time. As for Balman, he's hired Jughead, the Boy Wonder, in place of Robin!

Also, the X-Men have accepted the application of The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to join their ever-expanding team! But it isn't true that Professor Xavier will be replaced by Splinter Splinter is merely changing the prof into a turtle!

There's more, but I've run out of room I ve only enough space left to wish you — HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!

Excelsion

Stanle

(Hey, anyone can go bonkers once in a while!)

ITEM! All Marvel editors have been required to shave their heads by April 30. It seems many of the male Marvel editors are balding, and are very sensitive about this. In an effort to avoid people's feelings being hurt, Marvel Editor in Chief Tom DeFalco was the first to take a razor to his own head. Many have commented that Tom's new look makes him look more distinguished, sort of like Sinnead O'Connor. Said Tom, "Since most of our people were losing their hair anyway, it seemed like the only decent thing to do." APRIL FOOL!



ITEM! Editor Renée Witterstaetter promised a new direction for WHAT THE—?!! this year. Said Renée, "WHAT THE—?!! will be grimmer and grittier this year We're trying for a much darker feel for the book." As Renée put it, "A lot of fans were writing

in saying the book was not taking itself seriously enough. They felt the book was just a big joke. Well, not any more!" Renée added that "I want to prove that I thirst for blood, just like **Bobbie Chase** said she does!" APRIL FOOL!

ITEM! Let's all have a big hand for Publisher's Assistant Coordinator Kevin Tang, who as we all know, was the big winner last Halloween in the Limbo and Human Snake competitions. Kevin recently took a position in the Sales Department, serving as Assistant to Skip Dietz. Also, our old buddy Dan Slott (who was last seen filling in as Ralph Macchio's assistant) is back, now serving as Marvel's one-man Art Return Department. Congratulations, you guys. Now, pack your bags! You're both fired! Get out of here! APRIL FOOL! ITEM! The Marvel staff was treated to a surprise visit the other day from funnyman.

A) TELEPHONE (A)

Bob Hope, Bob says he's always been a big fan of Mighty Marvel, and had always wanted to do a show in the Marvel offices. So much to the delight of everyone, Bob rigged up a makeshift stage and performed an impromptu show. Bob quipped, "I did a show at DC the other week. and I gotta tell you. it was a little strange They made me use a phone booth for a dressing room!" The

whole Marvel staff was delighted by Bob's visit—it was as if we were watching a USO show, or even one of Bob's NBC specials. APRIL FOOL!

ITEM! Well, we're all pleased as punch about the colossal success of the new TOXIC AVENGER #1! It's turning out to be the most successful comic of all time! We've sold over five billion copies, more than one for every man, woman, and child on Earth! Naturally we'll be reprinting TOXIE #1 in as many formats as possible We're planning new printings with green, gold, and blue covers, and—here's the part we're really excited about—we'll be printing one issue using actual toxic waste! APRIL FOOL!

ITEM! Editor Mike Rockwitz stunned the comic world recently when he announced his retirement from comic book editing Rockwitz will be opening up a White Castle hamburger restaurant in Queens, New York, where he plans to spend the rest of his days eating as many of those square

little hamburgers as humanly possible. Mike has always loved White Castle, and feels this is the best way to give back to something that's given so much to him. APRIL FOOL!

iTEMI in a surprise development, it was announced recently that THE PUNISHER

MUTANT! This came as a big shock to everyone, until we discovered that his mutant power is the ability to sell lots of comics. Look for our newest title, X-PUNISHER, coming soon. APRIL FOOL!



ITEM! You all know that editor Don Daley is a big jogging buff, but here's something that may really raise your eyebrows. Don's next race is a three-mile foot race along the bottom of the ocean! When asked how he plans to train for this aquatic event, Don responded, "I'm going to start holding my breath!" APRIL FOOL!

ITEM! SLEEPWALKER is a brand-new title debuting this month, and it's a super-hero book with an unusual twist. The comic concerns the adventures of a crimefighter who walks around in his sleep, defeating criminals by accidentally bumping into them! APRIL FOOLI Actually SLEEPWALKER is about a man whose dreams summon a crimefighting being from another dimension! It's by Bob Budiansky and Bret Blevins, and it

Budiansky and Bret Blevins, and it promises to be the sleeper hit of the year! GROAN!

ITEM! Assistant editor Suzanne

Suzanne Dell'Orto finally had her name mentioned on the Bullpen Bulletin Page. APRIL FOOL! ITEMI We've got lots of other first issues going on sale this month, such as the third DAMAGE CONTROL Limited Series (this one by Dwayne MacDuffie and Kyle Baker!), SAMURAI CAT, and CAR WARRIORS! APRIL FOOL! Those titles aren't really coming out! APRIL FOOL! Yes, they are! We were just kidding! APRIL FOOL! But not really! APRIL FOOL! No, but really they are! We really had you going that time. APRIL FOOL! Not! Ha! By now, you're so confused you won't know if they're coming out or not, so you'll just have to keep haunting your comic shop to find out!



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So many companies have been banging on our door wanting to use our characters on their products, you'd think that half the business world was run by Marvel fans. And with all those companies starting to come out with their great Official Marvel Licensed Products (you know, those nifty things like toys, trading cards, PVC figures, gift items, clothes, bedding—hey, take our word for it, the Nineties is going to be the decade for Marvel merchandise) the phones have been

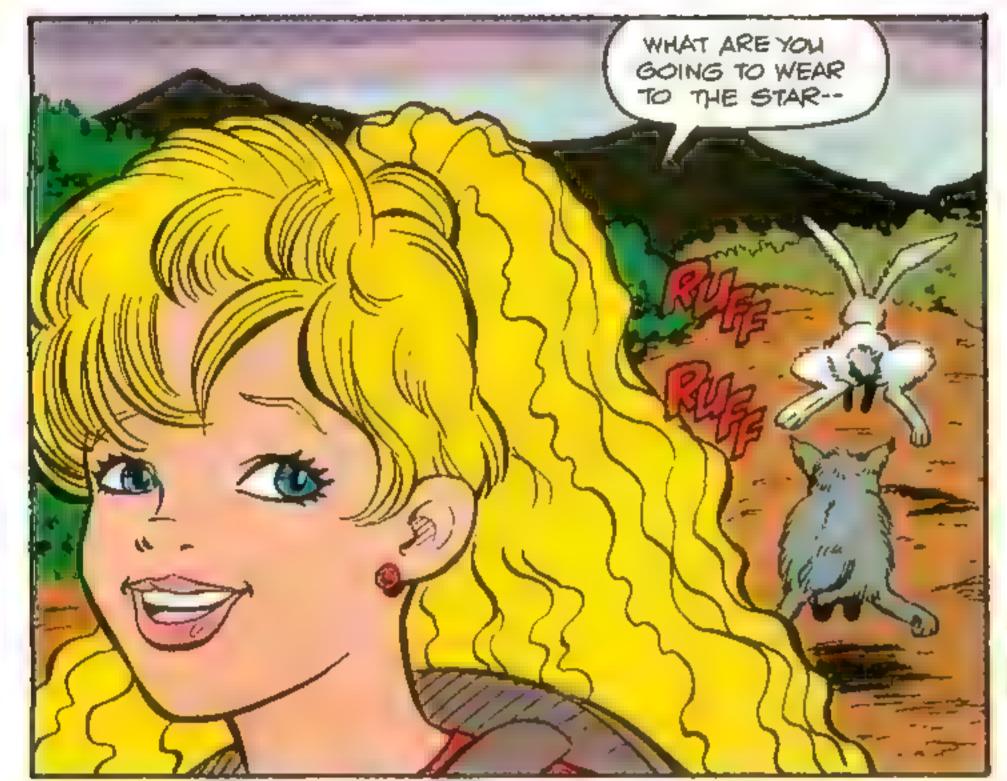
ringing off the hooks and tons of mail have been coming in from frantic fans wanting to know where in the name of Aunt May's wheatcakes can they get all this stuff?

Well, worry no more, pilgnm! Starting on April 1st the Spencer Gifts store chain is launching what we modestly consider to be the most spectacular Marvel merchandise promotion yet! For one month, each of the 440 Spencer Gifts stores nationwide is going to be jam-packed with Marvel comics, collectibles, merchandise and more! There'll be personal appearances by your favorite Marvel super heroes and villains and . . . well, we could go on and on, but words can't even begin to describe the fun you'll have seeing for yourself what's inside the Spencer Gifts stores. To find out where the closest Spencer Gifts store is to where you live, call 1-800-762-0419. So check it out—tell 'em Marvel sent you'

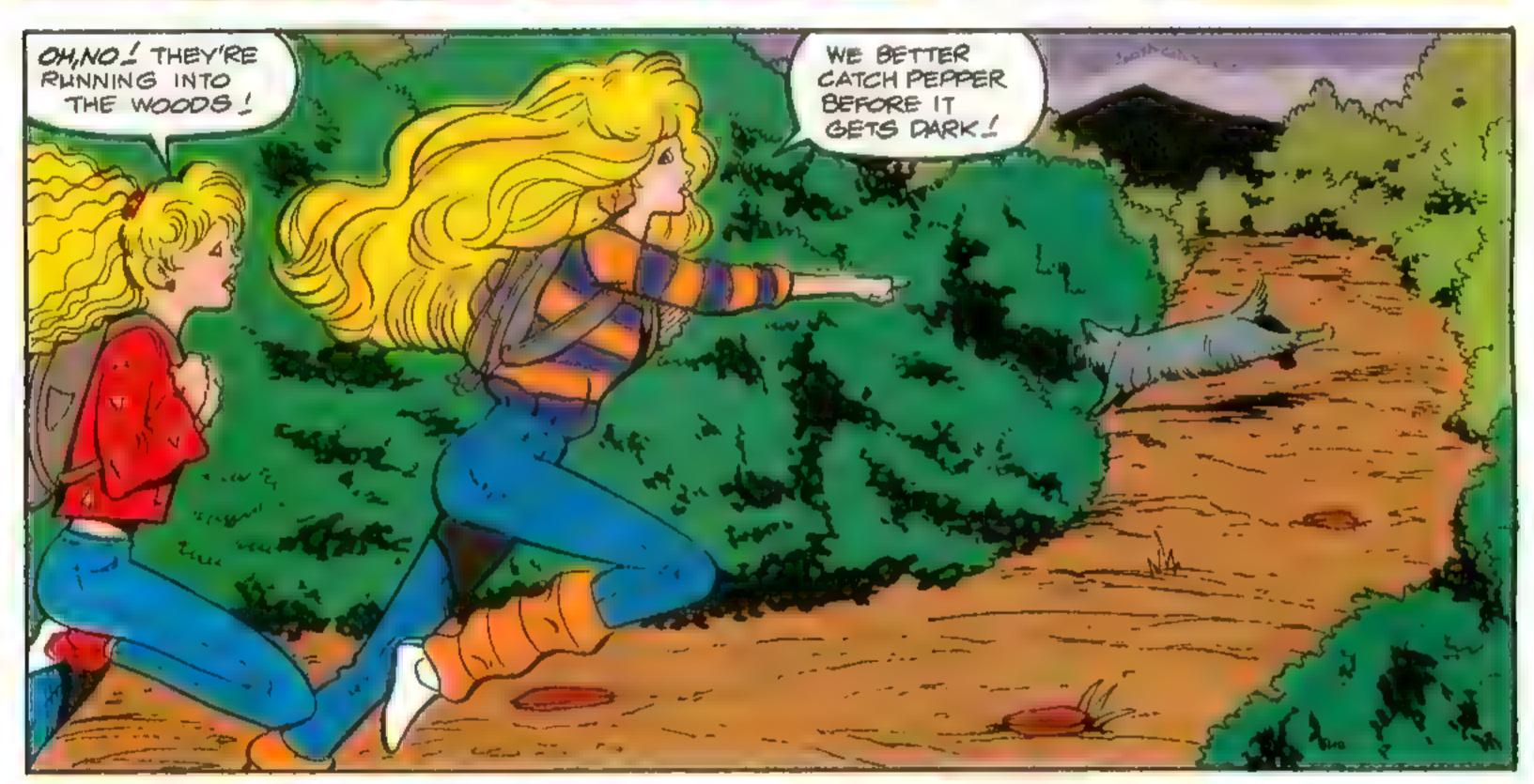


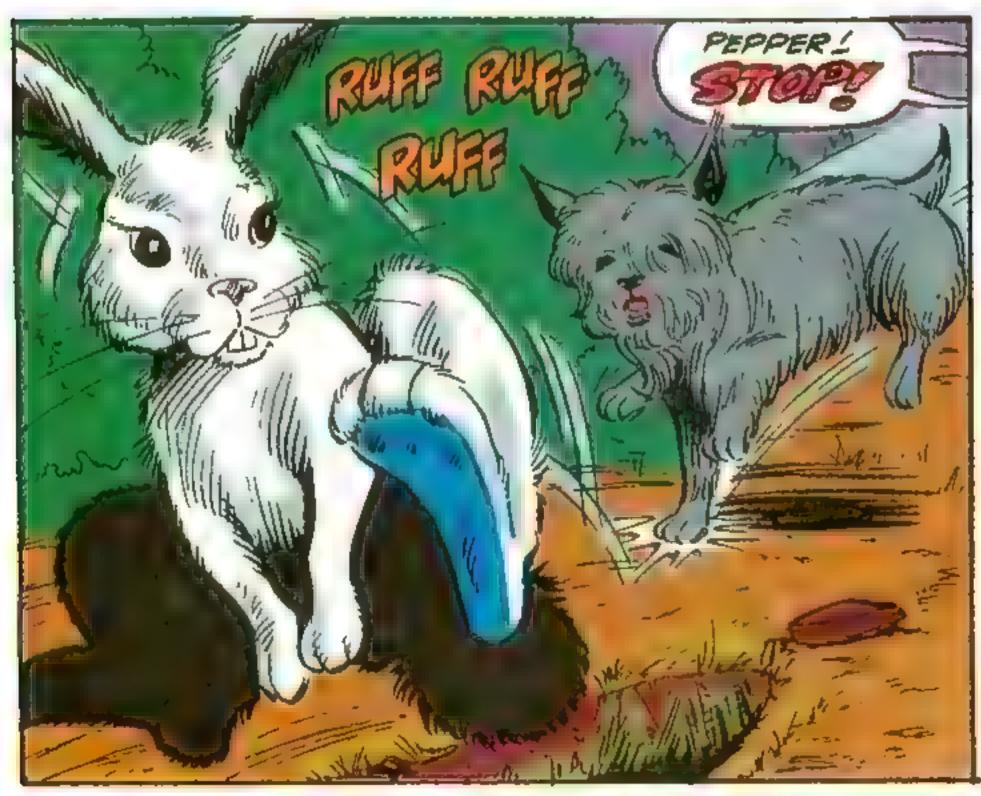














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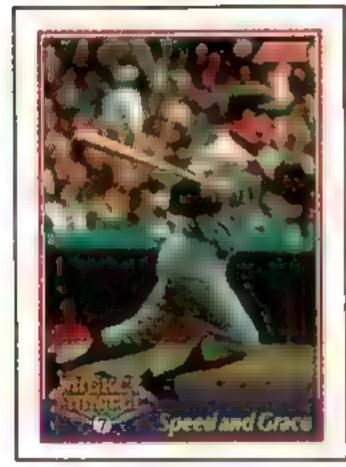
















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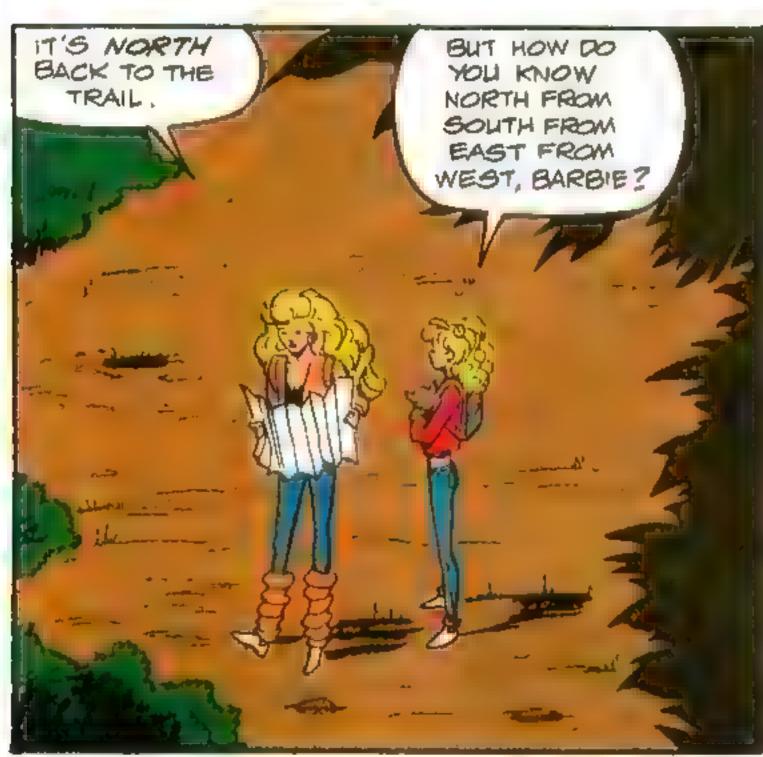




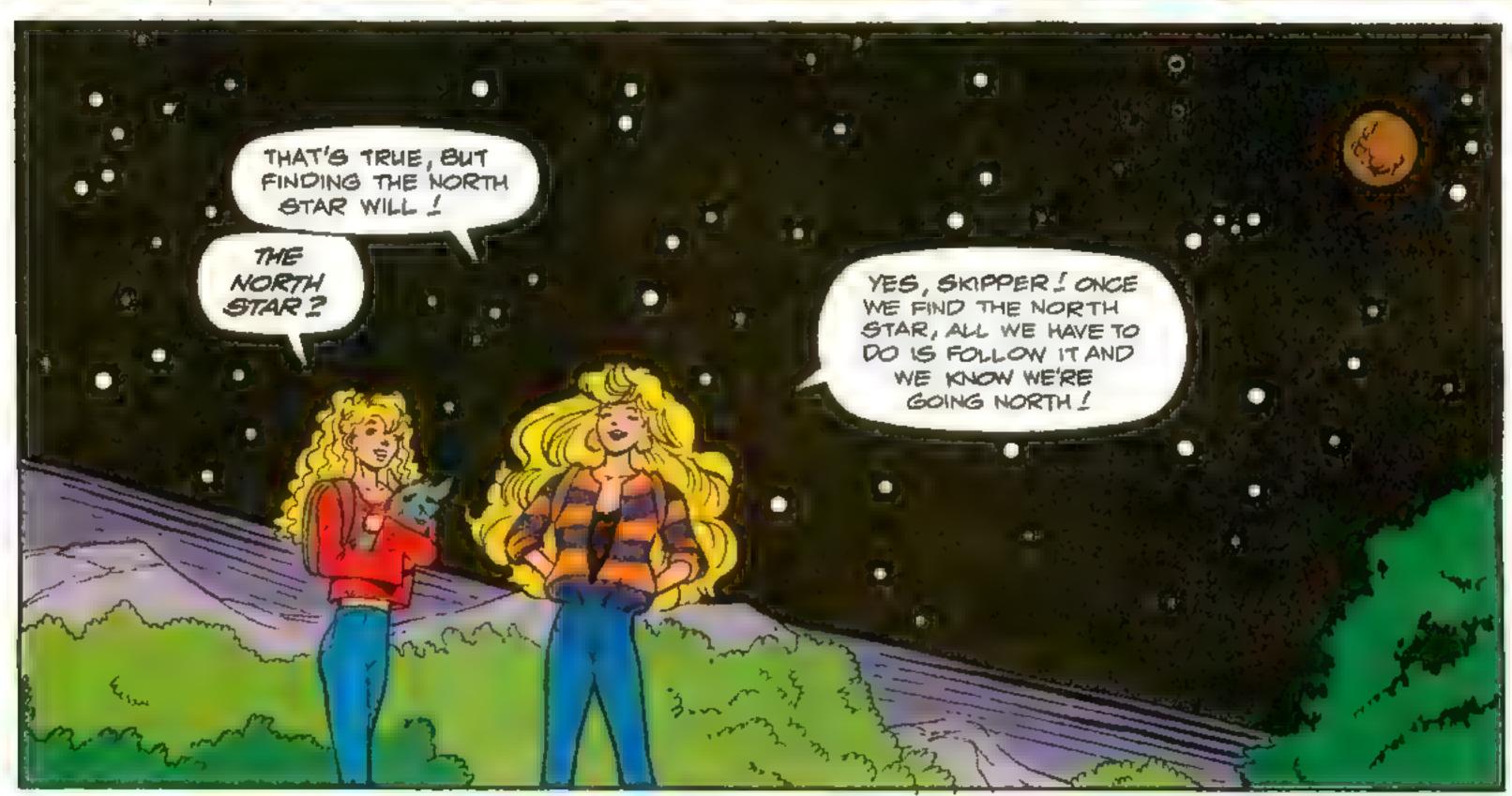
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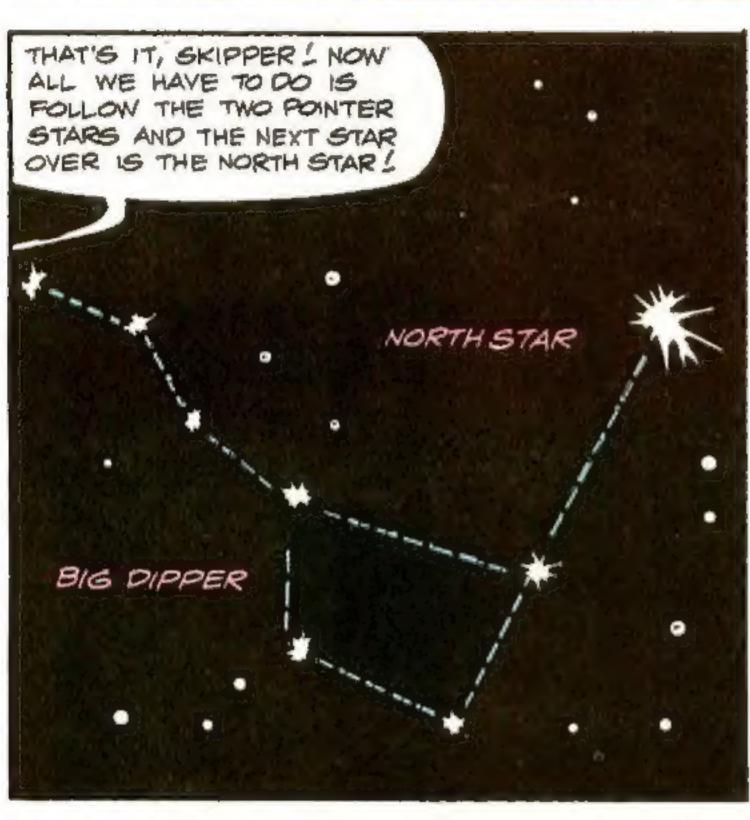






















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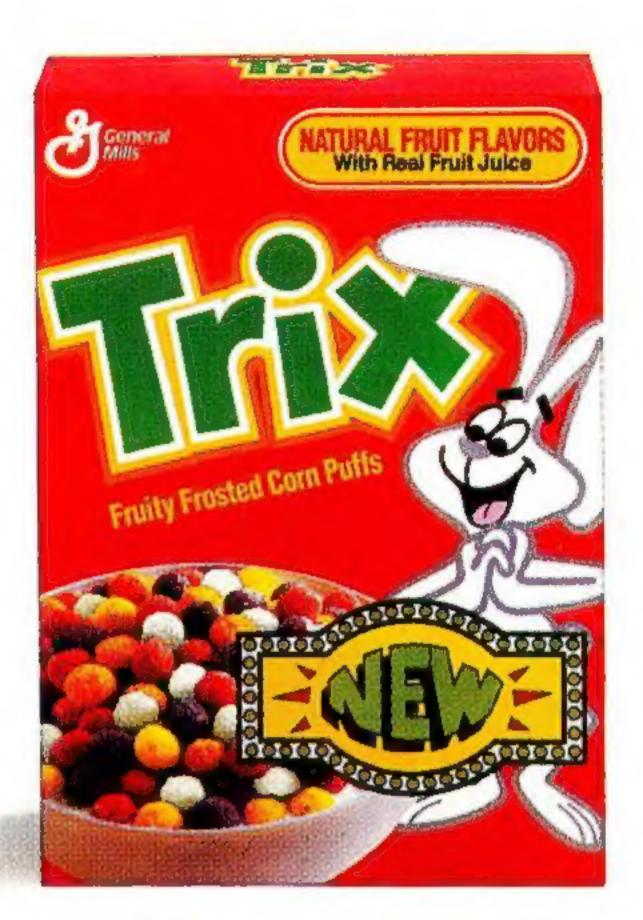
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